



**GOD'S LOVE**

## Rest For the Weary

Mrs. F. M. Renner.

Do the cares of life discourage  
And no one to sympathize?  
Are the toils of life distressing  
And no one to hear your cries?  
Hark! there comes a gentle whisper,  
Soothing to the heart depressed,  
Calling to you, tired, worn pilgrim,  
“Come to me, I’ll give you rest.”

When our earthly friends forsake us,  
And our hearts are sad and blue,  
Though our crosses are made heavy  
Still one Friend is always true.  
Jesus never will forsake us,  
But will help us stand each test,  
And His loving voice still echoes,  
“Come to me, I’ll give you rest.”

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Overseer's Annual Address at 36th Assembly in next week's issue.

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# NOTES From My LETTERS

\*\*\*\*\* J. H. WALKER, General Overseer \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Brother Walker: God bless you always.

Your letter to hand a few days ago. It brought much to encourage me to press on in the Lord. We still love these bronze-skinned Indians. There is a greater bond of unity and love manifested by workers and believers this term than ever before. They love the clean teachings of the Church of God. We do also. We are praying that our last year's work will be the best for God and our Indians. I have never kept an account of the services I have had charge of, but since the last Assembly I had the desire to do so. I kept a strict account, so tonight I counted the record that I had kept, and I had, since last October, 172 services. I have visited all that I could during the times of sickness and death.

Our young men and women are a great help in the work. You must come and visit us again and hear them sing, pray and testify. Then, I want to tell you

about our precious Indian women. We meet every Wednesday afternoon for prayer, praises and a short message. They have not only prayed for the work, but out of their extreme poverty they have given their cents and half-cents. I want you to know how much they have given toward the roof of the new chapel. They have given since June, 1939, \$131.00 for the roof; \$6.15 to help Don Baltazar, in the conference at Chicaca; and \$10.50 toward the chapel of the Nationals, at Guatemala, now a Church of God mission.—Humbly your servant in Him, Mrs. Carrie Furman.

It thrills my heart when missions raise missions. There is a great thrill when we, in America, become interested in the mission fields and become mission-minded with whole heart and soul, but when missionaries and mission fields become interested in promoting mission work, this is indeed encouraging. May God bless them everywhere.

## Question Box

The Editor

**Question:** Does God the Holy Ghost have a body in heaven as God the Father and God the Son do?—D. B.

**Answer:** While the idea of God is universal, there is no one who is able to give an analysis of Him. "Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven; what canst thou know? The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea," Job 11:7-9. The mind of man is too finite to comprehend God in His perfection, yet he has a sufficient knowledge of Him to enable him to rightly serve Him. There is an important distinction to be made here, for while God is incomprehensible to us, yet we may truly know Him as God, and know Him as our God. Note the words of the Prophet Daniel, "But the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits," Dan. 11:32. We are also told that our knowledge of God depends on our following after such knowledge. "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth,"

Hosea 6:3.

The idea of trying to picture or vivify God as a person or persons is one that is rather hard to so establish that people can understand. There are places in the Word of God that seem to teach that God has a body. We know that the Son has a body and yet, in reference to God we also have such a quotation, "God is a spirit," and it is certainly true that the third person in the Godhead; namely, the Holy Ghost, is referred to most of the time as a Spirit. That which is worth more than anything else relative to God and His existence is that we know Him as our God personally.

**Question:** Please explain 1 Peter 4:1, "For he who hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin."—L. N. P.

**Answer:** To take just the part of the verse which is quoted in our question, it would be indeed hard to understand. But if we take the entire verse, reading also the three following verses, it is easier for us to understand. It may be better, however, for us to quote Moffatt's Translation which makes it very plain. "Well, as Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, let this very conviction that he who has suffered in the flesh gets quit of sin, nerve you to spend the rest of your time in the flesh for the will of God and no longer for human passions. It is quite enough to have done as pagans chose to do, during the time gone by! You used to lead lives of sensuality,

# NOTICES

From the Field

## Special Wire

Our mission for state convention was 2,013 dollars.—Rev. E. O. Kerce, overseer of Michigan.

**NOTE:** This notice has been greatly belated due to special work made necessary by Assembly curtailment. We respectfully apologize.—The Editor.

The Church of God at Highway, Ala., is the first church to send in aged ministers' quota for assembly year of 1942. J. M. Hartline is pastor.

We are conducting a revival at a brush arbor at Vernon, Fla. If there are any Church of God preachers who feel led to come this way, please come ahead; this is a new field. This arbor is located near the county convict camp at Vernon, Fla., a good place for a revival.—Revs. M. G. Ogburn and W. T. Martin; home address, Slocumb, Ala., Vernon, Fla.

The Southwestern states 9th annual convention of the Church of God Colored Work will convene at New Albany, Miss., Reed Avenue, Oct. 1-5, D.V.—W. L. Ford, overseer.

My address is 595 Baldwin Rd., Akron, Ohio.—Evan. B. Frank Sprague.

lust, carousing, revelry, dissipation and illicit idolatry, and it astonishes pagans that you will not plunge with them still into the same flood of profligacy." Those who are in Christ are supposed to have denied the flesh with its affections and lust, therefore the flesh suffers because of a crucifixion and those who are crucified to the flesh become free from sin.

**Question:** Is there any difference in Acts 2:38 and Matt. 28:19? If so, will you please explain?—L. B. M.

**Answer:** According to the 16th verse of the 28th chapter of St. Matthew, the eleven disciples (apostles) went away into Galilee into a mountain where Jesus had appointed. The remaining part of the chapter gives the final commission which Jesus gave unto them while in the mountain. Since it is specified that the eleven were present, we must recognize the fact that the Apostle Peter was there and that this commission, "Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," was given unto him as well as to the other apostles.

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# The 36th Annual Assembly a Success

The 36th Annual Assembly was the shortest one to be held in thirty-six years. In the fall of 1918 the influenza epidemic was raging. As the great plague stalked through the land with such great force, meetings were cancelled, postponed or discontinued, therefore there was no Assembly that year. No other year since the first Annual Assembly, which was held January 26, 27, 1906, has health conditions had any bearing on the Assembly until this year. The great progress of the Church had caused everyone who knew anything of it to look forward with great anticipation toward the 36th Annual Assembly, but just as preparations were about completed, your officials were informed by the health authorities of Chattanooga that it would be impossible to consummate the plans which had been made for this great gathering. In a meeting of the Council with the mayor and city-county health director of Chattanooga and Hamilton county, it was decided that the Assembly should be confined to the male ministry and curtailed to a length of only two days. The news was flashed all over the United States and in every nook and corner was relayed until practically all of those intending to bring their families received the news and responded accordingly.

Though the news came late and the plans that had been made for months had been torn up, these happenings did not stop the flow of bishops to the Bishops' Council which met on the evening of August 29. The Council opened with the largest number present in its history, having a total of 407. An ordination service which was very impressive and in which twenty-eight new bishops were ordained was among the first items. When the General Overseer asked all new bishops ordained during the year to stand to their feet, sixty-eight arose. These were all welcomed as members of the Council. The entire Council of three days portrayed fellowship and brotherly love. The matters discussed were all finally disposed of in a perfectly harmonious way so that all felt that the final decisions "seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us."

One of the outstanding features of the Bishops' Council was to recommend that the Church have a Second Assistant to the General Overseer and to nominate a man to the General Assembly to fill that office, the work having grown until it was impossible to take care of it in the way that it should. From a standpoint of general supervision, it was deemed not only advisable but necessary that this

help be given to the General Overseer. Earl P. Paulk, former overseer of North Carolina, was chosen to fill that position. All general officials, including the new Assistant General Overseer, were unanimously nominated by the Bishops' Council. The Bishops' Council closed Monday night.

In the afternoon before the opening of the Assembly on Tuesday night possibly more than a thousand people visited the new home built for our orphan boys on the Lee Highway five miles out of the city of Cleveland. Many times the ministers visiting the Home were heard to exclaim, "I feel much as did the queen of Sheba when she visited Solomon, 'The half has not been told me.'" Those visiting the home were literally swept from their feet when they beheld the beautiful location, the beautiful view and the adequate provisions which have been made to take care of our motherless and fatherless boys. These provisions made it possible for them to step into a much higher plane of life. The thought that their civic, moral, and religious status would be so greatly changed, brought tears of joy as the group discussed with one another the great work the Church was doing in behalf of these unfortunate ones.

The throngs which usually crowd the streets of Chattanooga during the time of the Assembly were absent. The women and children had listened to the appeal of the general officials and did not come. There were possibly not more than two thousand delegates present the first night and all of these were men, but these were not baffled by the reports of poliomyelitis but came from distant parts as well as from near by to add their part in the workings of another great General Assembly.

The general officials of the Church had decided to again curtail the time agreed upon and if possible to dispense with such measures as would come before the Assembly in one day. This they did. The General Overseer delivered one of the most powerful and most impressive annual addresses that has ever been delivered to a General Assembly. He called for serious devotion and pled that the Church of God steer away from those things which tend to be light and chaffy, and get into the depth of devotional service. Our songs, our prayers, our testimonies and our sermons, he said, must be of a character that the world will know we are in earnest. "Go forward, Church," he said. There is no value in a retrospective view but as a lesson teaching us that we may avoid the mistakes

which have hindered, and achieve greater success and make better and greater progress than ever before.

The annual address was followed by a sermon delivered by R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, on the subject "Our Place in This Great Emergency." The speaker showed the place which the Church should occupy in this time of unrest and political disturbance, that there was an emergency was a fact too plain to be denied and that God's Church has a place in it and must fulfill that mission which God has enjoined upon her.

The entire day Wednesday was devoted to business and climaxed with a sermon by the Editor on "Wanted: Spiritual Technicians." The overseers were appointed and the Assembly dismissed. Ministers started on their journeys home, many of them living thousands of miles away. They had come a long way to attend the Assembly but though the session was short, workers returned to their field, and many to new fields to put all their power and zeal both potent and latent, into the service of God and His Church.

## Work in New Field Blessed

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill. — My whole heart's desire is to work for God and His Church. I am doing my best to please God. My wife had a call to Hawesville, Ky. We went and God surely blessed. The people out there do not know anything about the Church of God. It is a ripe field. I preached on the courthouse yard. About 2,500 people were there. God surely blessed my soul. They want me back. Pray much for me as I want to go where God wants me. People came and asked us to pray for them. Pray for me and my work.—Rev. G. P. Bankston, 721 N. Horn St.

## Jesus Is Real to Me

CAVE CITY, Ark.—The sweet Holy Ghost abides just now. I am so glad Jesus is real to me.

I praise God for His healing power. I praise Him for giving me strength to have a bad tooth pulled. I am looking to Jesus for my all in all. Glory for victory over sin and the devil. If ever there was a time we should live close to God it is now. Lord, save our poor boys facing war.

I requested prayer that we might get a way to go to service and husband has work. God so wonderfully helped me in so many other ways.—Mrs. Bartha Sisk, Rt. 1.



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## Guest Editorials

E. E. Winters

### Peace Ideas in the Midst of War

THE very epoch of history which is not destined to be shamefully memorable for unequalled hatreds and slaughter, can become much more memorable for the seed-sowing of peace among the nations.

In England and throughout all Europe "V" for victory is proclaimed to win the war. The President of the United States has proposed the memorable eight-point regulation law which seems to be the very thing that would bring about peace, and now he has added a ninth point which includes freedom of religion and worship, which would bring peace.

"Peace" is the word, if only the Christians of the world, and of our own land especially, will stand up steadfastly for it. Instead of talking war, talk peace, peace that only Jesus can give, as found in the Bible. John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

### War Prayers Don't Confuse God

THE great shame about prayers offered by peoples at war is that they are usually vitiated with hate and fury, which impiously affront the love which heaven proclaims to all mankind. Prayers of wrath and hate insult the throne of divine law. So too, do all vaunts whereby men or nations arrogate to themselves superior standing in favor of God. The very presumptions to special privileges which are urged by the ambitious and earthly governments, are pressed as recklessly in the court of heaven. But heaven is not disturbed over such follies. God is not shaken by them. He remains still "no respecter of persons." All these obnoxious things a patient God sifts out of prayers sent up to Him by peoples in battles. So He comes down to the essence in them that is real and solemn and worthy to be offered on the altar of petition. That essence is the honest appeal of true men, anxious to do in this world their unbounden duty as they shall answer to God, their appeal that God will judge between them and their foes and appoint His triumphs to

whoever shall stand for what He beholds to be the everlasting and invincible right. That is the sincere battle prayer which is a sweet savor to God, and such prayers, amid all tumults of war, God doubtless hears today in some part from every nation engaged in this awful European struggle; that moreover is the prayer which speedily He will answer.

**Self-Mastery** JESUS CHRIST, the Great Example, is Himself the living embodiment of all Christian ideals. Let us contemplate His superb self-mastery. He said, "I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will but the will of him that sent me." He was rich and for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich. One ardent convert said, "Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest," and Jesus replied, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." That He might be touched with the feeling of the infirmities of mankind, the soul of Christ struck the whole gamut of human suffering, poverty, temptation, pain, and sorrow.

Never in all the annals of self-mastery was there such an example of personal restraint as in the events of Christ's betrayal, trial, and martyrdom. Instead of grinding perfidious Judas into powder as he gave the traitorous kiss, Jesus asked in words which afterward broke the heart of Iscariot, "Betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?" When Peter chivalrously drew a weapon to defend his Master, he was gently rebuked with the words, "Put up thy sword into his place," and Jesus turned quickly and healed the wound which the hasty disciple had inflicted, and said, "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?" During all that tragical travesty of justice called the trial of Jesus, where they scourged Him, ridiculed Him by placing a purple robe about Him, pressed a crown of cruel thorns upon His sacred brow, and spat in His precious face, there was not an instant when Jesus could not have resented all these gross and ignominious indignities, and visited condign and deserved punishment upon those degenerate malefactors. When they reached the tragical climax of all their perfidy by nailing Him to the cross, as if He were the most debased criminal, and disdainfully went back and forth wagging their heads and hurling spiteful epithets and tauntings, having exhausted their resources of treachery, with deliberate diabolism they "sat down and watched him there." So complete was our Lord's infinite command of His own spirit that "like a sheep before its shearers is dumb,



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so he opened not his mouth," and He exhibited all this patient endurance when, in an instant, a single word from His holy lips could have emptied all the vials of divine wrath upon His vile persecutors. So amazing and phenomenal was our Lord's self-repression, so finely did He hold the leash of His own outraged feelings, and with such infinite patience did He pass through all this horrible ordeal of pain and torture, that a Roman officer who was compelled to be present at the shameful execution, and had witnessed many times the infliction of the death penalty, said, "Truly this was the Son of God."

Love is life. Love for duty; for our country, for our friends, for our church, for our God, is life; and love is self-mastery. "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth, is born of God, and knoweth God."

# THE UNITED STATE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

"And they stood every man in his place," Judges 7:21.

No greater statement has ever been made relative to conditional success or defeat than "United we stand, divided we fall." The Lord Jesus said a house divided against itself will fall.

Benjamin Franklin said, in respect to the peril that the signer of the Declaration of Independence was in, "We will either hang together or assuredly will hang separately."

I actually feel that the near eighty thousand laymembers of our Church constitute one of the grandest memberships in the world. It certainly is true that this number is small in comparison to that of many denominations but true strength isn't found in quantity every time. In fact, the thing that we should be first and last interested in is equality.

Gideon had thirty-two thousand men until they neared the enemy and twenty-two thousand left him. When he got still closer nine thousand and seven hundred more left him. This thirty-one thousand and seven hundred added up to quantity but three hundred did not, yet they were worth more than the thirty-one thousand and seven hundred. In this you see quality and of course this meant victory.

## *Sunday Schools*

You only have to attend, look and listen in on a Sunday school of the Church of God to see a real demonstration of the United State of the Church of God.

## *The Superintendent*

The superintendent respects and works with the pastor. He knows absolutely that the Sunday school is no separate and distinct setup from the Church but a department of the Church. He is aware of the fact that he and his work are directly under the supervision of the pastor. In fact, if he is a good superintendent he appreciates his advice and seeks his counsel.

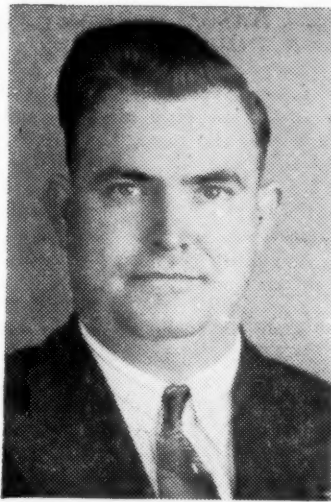
No one would ever expect a good superintendent to be tardy in starting his schoolwork off. Neither would we expect him to run five or ten minutes over on the pastor's time.

Isn't it lovely to notice real teamwork between the pastor and Sunday school superintendent?

## *An Influenced School*

As the superintendent cooperates with the pastor, the officers behold the smoothness of the relationship and follow so closely their example that from the nursery to the last adult class there is such united effort on the part of each teacher to make the school the highest type institution of Christian training, irrespective of membership, that it so fas-

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cinates the pupils until they *stay* in such deep love with the faculty that they simply can't be allured away.

## *The Student Body*

This fellowship between the officers keeps such a charitable and respectful spirit injected into the very system of the pupil body that the moral is adorable. There is no such thing as tardiness, indifference or misbehavior in such classes. They go to classes with good intentions and leave with inspiration and knowledge enough to use it.

Notice the exercises. I think it is so lovely and inspiring to hear the school read the lesson text in unison, or the classes at the close of Sunday school read together a text.

Not only is the *United State* of the Sunday school and Church set forth in these ways but also in the penny orphanage march (it is not penny mission march). Where in the world could you think of seeing a more beautiful sight than an entire Sunday school membership marching and giving money to *our children* at Cleveland, Tennessee? Then too, who would be such a chiseler or tightwad as to hold back a penny for each of his or her years on his birthday from the orphanage birthday box? Don't find him, please.

Through the united contributions, enough money is kept in the treasury to send cash for the Sunday school literature so that our Editor and Publisher doesn't have to send it out *charged*.

United efforts on the part of the pastor, superintendent and secretary never leave a bill unpaid for the ensuing year, to embarrass the incoming pastor. Now isn't that simply fine, businesslike and

brotherly, too!

The gratifying thing about it is that approximately three thousand Sunday schools are united, even though some are thousands of miles apart, in carrying out the same programs. Oh, how blessed!

The United State of the Church of God is demonstrated again by the activities of the L. W. W. B. which by far the majority of the pastors have long ago definitely decided is an indispensable auxiliary to the Church.

Whether it be by giving, soliciting, selling, taking orders, cooking, sewing, visiting and praying, day in and day out, week in and week out, through each month of every Assembly year, in nearly all the local churches in our forty-eight states, and the islands and foreign countries, so plentiful that the sun never sets on them, the bands are working. Yes, member and nonmember, saved and unsaved! Our hats are off to you, thousands of members; in fact, two-thirds of our membership, for the continual, gracious anointing you are giving the body of Christ the Church (spiritual). Our souls (aren't they pastors and brother members?) are mellowed with inexpressible thanksgiving. The literal Church is helped in building, buying, scrubbing, painting, or well, whatever is needed you help. God bless our Dorcases and add more to your number.

There is nothing in the world that our Y. P. E. is endeavoring to do and by all means must come more nearly doing all the while, than to keep united in its effort to keep the friendly, sociable, educational, both spiritual and literary, up to the highest expectation possible of each other, also you elders and outsiders.

Whether you are classified as white and blue, red and brown, blue eyes and brown eyes, your united relationship in the bonds of genuine spirituality brought about and kept by wholehearted and constant consecration you have learned, determines whether or not you win souls, yes, help them pray through to rock-bottom regeneration, sky-blue heart purity, and the blessed baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Actually, I think contests properly conducted are advisable and workable. Many times you won't realize the success you should in your sale of Lighted Pathways and securing Evangel subscriptions (in raising money to pay for instruments as well as a number of other things you engage in, which are great assets to the church) without contests. Pardon me, but under the supervision of our state Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent

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# Delkograms

D. H. DELK

## "Charity"

"Charity never fails." It is the EXCELLENT WAY, and though great speakers bring great messages, prophets reveal great mysteries, knowledge is displayed, and great faith is manifested, without charity it will only be CIPHER (0).



Charity will keep off the little green devils of ENVY. "Charity envieth not." "Envy slayeth the silly," Job 5:2, by rotting their bones, Prov. 14:30. Envy shoots at others and wounds herself.

Charity won't allow any vaunting, or vainglory parades; no sir, if charity rules us, we won't be parading ourselves. Two little Negro boys walked up where a candidate was speaking. After listening a few minutes one said to the other, "Whut am he doin'?" The other answered, "I don't know, but he sho' am a recommending hisself." Charity never blows its own horn. I heard of an engine so small it could not run while it blew. That's us up and down, we are not making much headway while we are blowing. Paul didn't say, "Let us blow," but he did say, "LET US RUN." So unless you belong to a brass band don't be blowing your own horn too much.

Now if any one gets puffed up, you can't blame it on charity, IT'S NOT PUFFED UP. Nor with pride or anger. There is no weight in PUFF. One little fellow, while on the scales, inhaled a deep breath trying to weigh as much as his buddy, but his buddy said, "You needn't swell up, you don't weigh any more." THE STRUT DOESN'T MAKE THE TURKEY GOBBLER ANY HEAVIER.

Pride joined with many virtues will choke them all. Charity is a sworn enemy to pride. Charity won't act unseemly. No sir, it won't study eating and drinking, and gadding about too much. Charity will not go about seeking its own benefit, welfare, and happiness. (Happiness doesn't depend on your position, but on your disposition.) Lot's eyes saw many lots. Charity is going to leave Lot behind and take Abraham. Abraham is an ALTAR BUILDER. The altar keeps the

fires of charity burning.

A rabbi once asked an old miserably rich man to look out of the window into the street, and tell him what he saw. The old miser said, "I see men, women, and little children." Then he showed him a mirror, saying, "Look into it and tell me what you see." The miser said, "I see myself now." The rabbi said, "The windowpane is just plain glass, the mirror is plain glass also but it has a thin coat of silver on one side. As soon as the silver is added you cease to see OTHERS AND SEE ONLY YOURSELF." "Charity seeketh not her own." It won't look for the fertile valleys, well-watered plains, etc.

Charity will keep us PREACHERS FROM BEING SO EASILY PROVOKED. I hope I don't discourage any one, but the truth is the truth. The saints should come together for no other purpose but the promotion of the gospel, TO ADVANCE THE CHURCH OF GOD, which He has purchased with His own blood, and the devil hates it with perfect hatred. He will send his legions of various demons into our midst. "When the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them," Job 1:6. Let's watch and pray much, the spirit is willing (that is, we don't intend to do wrong) but the flesh is weak. "We\*\*\*have NO confidence in the flesh."

A constantly worried mother told her little boy that it was Satan who tempted him to go into the creek so much, and gave him orders to tell Satan to get behind him. In a few days in he came again with his head wet, and his mother said, "Why didn't you do like I told you?" "I did, Mother," said Freddie, "and Satan got behind me and pushed me right into the creek." O Lord, let charity rule and reign in every heart from the General Overseer to the least laymember. If it does, the devil will push us nowhere.

Charity will help us rejoice in the truth. (The truth is that thing some folks hate for the same reason a fat woman hates the scales.) Only charity will make you love the truth, for truth cuts close sometimes. A lady, while trying on her new hat, said to her husband, "George, how do you like my hat?" After a little he looked up from his newspaper and said, "Well, honey, I'll tell you the truth." At once she said, "If that's the way you are going to talk, just shut your mouth. I don't want to hear a word you have to say." Charity will never turn your ears away from the truth to fables. Oh, I could write much more on this great and important subject, but I am closing by saying, LORD, HELP ME TO HAVE CHARITY FOR I DON'T WANT TO BE AS SOUNDING BRASS OR TINKLING CYMBAL.

# My Sermonette

Florence Schumaker

"How many loaves have ye?" Matt. 15:34.

Yes, the multitude is here. They are as hungry as ever. Food is as scarce as ever. "But how many loaves have ye?" First, how many are there to be had? I'll tell you—there are nine, nine wonderful loaves to possess and carry, with which to sustain the starving multitudes. They are asking for bread. Are ye giving them a stone? There are seventeen stones to be had without asking. They are thrown upon you and at you until it is all that you can do to dodge them. In fact, you didn't begin to dodge them soon enough and some may even now be hiding in your pockets where they have fallen unheeded.

Let us look first at the precious loaves and let us honestly see how many we really have to hand over to the famished ones. Here are the nine: "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance." Notice that "love" heads the list. God is love. To a starving soul love is the most needful thing. "Though I give my body to be burned and have not love it profiteth me nothing." "Love covereth a multitude of sins." We look past the sins to the sinner's precious soul. It may be our own sister, or a brother or a husband or wife who has perhaps mistreated us. Yet they have a perishing soul. Let us love them right into the kingdom. This loving people into the kingdom cost God His own dear Son. Read John 3:16. Yes, it will, it must cost you something to feel a god-like love for sinful men. If it doesn't, you don't have it. All precious things are costly. It will shorten your life. It did the Son of man's. Is your life more precious than His? Can you love to the heartbreaking point? He did.

Loaf two is "joy." "The joy of the Lord is my strength." I heard of a person once asking a great sufferer, one who at that moment happened to be in extra pain, "Have you heard anyone laugh around here lately?" Joy isn't always sound and laughter. The greatest joy in the world is a joy which wells up within your breast with no outward provocation, joy which calls for no outward demonstration, a joy which is almost more than we can surround. It is as if the arms need to be thrown out to enlarge one's capacity. It is estatic. That is real joy, the joy of the Lord.

The third loaf is "peace." "Follow peace with all men." Are you feeding

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# Foreign Missions

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## Notes of Praise From Nacosari de Garcia, Sonora, Mexico

MARY W. ATKINSON



Sometime ago I wrote to different people in Cleveland asking them to pray for me to the end that God would give me an "Aaron" like He gave one to Moses when he was sent into Egypt, more so being a woman and taking in consideration that the ministry of a woman has its limitations according to the Word of God.

It has been very hard for me since March, 1930, when I started the work in Mexico, keeping the records and deeds both for the Government and the Church.

In August of 1932 I wrote and translated the minutes that stated that we should have a general assembly once a year, but it took eleven years of teaching and helping the brothers to be established and realize it is a privilege to look after the affairs of the great Church of God and not a heavy burden, so we held in Ciudad, Obregon, the first week of June the first convention. I wasn't able to be at the convention because I had to go to the United States to renew my tourist card, but all things work together for good to them that love God.

In Obregon last May I suffered a heart

prostration which kept me unconscious for three days. This place where I labor now is closer to the border and is a whole lot cooler.

I praise the Lord also for the favor granted Brother Ingram of entering and leaving Mexico without restrictions. Now he will have the opportunity to supervise the work in Mexico more closely, which, up to now, has been in a big measure my responsibility. I also want to make special mention of Brother Fernando Gonzalez who has acquired a lot of experience while traveling with Brother Ingram this year in Mexico. I know he will be a big help.

I ask the prayers of all the Evangel readers for your sister in the Lord.

## Greetings From El Salvador, C. A.

Cojutepeque, El Salvador, C. A.  
August 16, 1941.

To the great Church of God everywhere:

Greetings in Jesus' name from the El Salvador Church of God. By the time you receive this letter you will be in another Assembly and how we would like to be there with you again to join with you all in sending praise to our God for His great love to us. We will be praying with you nevertheless, that God will give victory, not in a carnal fight but victory for the great Church of God, that this coming year will see many advances in all the FRONTS of battle. There has been some advancement in this sector this year and everything working according to plans.

We are contemplating, at this writing, a central church which will accommodate about 400 people. Three others are in project and will be completed soon after the rainy season ends. All of these are being built with free labor and only a little cost to the Church. The central church will not cost over \$300.00 when completed, lot and all, so we are able to build cheaply here, for which we praise God. We expect to build many small places of worship this year as most of the meetings hithertofore have been held in homes, and we are teaching them that they should keep God's house apart from their dwelling houses. The cost of these

small churches will not be more than \$15.00 gold. We have now twenty-one churches with a membership of 500, but the attendance is good and souls are being saved. I had a report last week of a revival that has been going on for sometime every night. Twelve saved and a number added to the Church and the meetings are still in progress. Please remember us in prayer, and if we are again appointed to this field we will do our best to hold the fort and gain ground (souls) for Him.

All join with me in sending greetings to you.—H. S. Syverson, overseer of Central America.

## Greater Haste Needed

Why are we so slow in obeying the Master's command? Nearly two thousand years have rolled by and we are but just now touching the outermost nations of the earth, to say nothing of disciplining them. Edgerton Young, the live wire missionary to the Indians of British Columbia, relates the following incident: At one of the meetings an aged Indian stood up and said, "Missionary, I have gray hairs here and grandchildren in the wigwam. I am getting to be an old man and I never heard such things as you have told us today. I am so glad I did not die before hearing this wonderful story." He turned to go back to his seat, but came back and said, "Missionary, may I say more?" "Talk on." "You said, just now, 'Our Father.'" "Yes, I did say, 'Our Father.'" "That is new and sweet to us; we never thought of the Great Spirit as Father. We heard Him in the thunder, and saw Him in the lightning and tempest, and we were afraid. So when you tell us of the Great Spirit as Father, that is very beautiful to us." Hesitating a moment, this wild, picturesque Indian, lifting his eyes, asked, "You say, 'Our Father?' He is your Father?" "Yes, He is my Father." "Does it mean He is my Father, poor Indian's Father?" "Yes, oh yes, He is your Father, too." "Your Father, missionary's Father, one Indian's Father, too?" he repeated. "Yes, that is true." "Then we are brothers?"

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In all of Central America?

# The 36th International General Assembly

The 36th International General Assembly is now history! And it is *great* history—great because God was with us in a marvelous way; great because His presence has hovered over the Church throughout the world! The curtailing of the Assembly to just male ministers and for two days only (because of the poliomyelitis epidemic) surely made a difference. We missed the thronging thousands that always crowded the Auditorium. We were very sorry that our sisters were not permitted to be there, also the young people that heretofore always added so much to our Assemblies, but I believe all who attended could surely say the Lord was with us.

Our mission service was the greatest we have ever had. We surely wish that you who were absent could have been with us and heard our missionaries give accounts of their thrilling experiences. I tell you, heaven swung low! Messages from the other side were received that sent wave after wave of glory through and through our very beings. Surely now our vision is clearer, our duty dearer to us, and His coming nearer.

The financial reports were by far the greatest ever given, showing an appreciable increase in the various departments and breaking previous records. Below we are giving a short summary report so that you may see the increase the Church has made:

	This Year	Last Year	Increase
Tithes .....	\$78,230.17	\$62,725.17	\$15,505.00
Missions .....	83,101.89	53,963.30	29,138.59
Aged Ministers .....	12,922.43	10,723.43	2,199.00
Orphanage .....	34,668.01	27,928.64	6,739.37
Fund for Widows of Deceased Min. .....	1,423.79	1,217.50	206.29
Bible School (not including \$15,000 borrowed) .....	37,848.92	18,958.46	18,890.46
Evangel Sub. ....	12,763	9,756	3,007
L. P. sold .....	303,166	282,525	20,641

The 36th Annual Assembly will long be remembered because of the spirit of evangelism that gripped the hearts of the ministry. The Council of Twelve spent one whole day in discussing evangelism, and when this subject was introduced in the Council of Bishops (where there were more than four hundred present) the same spirit of enthusiasm for spreading the story of Jesus burst forth among them. Praise God! We see that what we are to do must be done quickly, and by His help we are rushing forward, for God's orders throughout the ages have been, and now are, "Go forward." Everyone, everywhere, should feel that now is the time to work to save souls and should immediately do his best.

Evangelism and missions have been heavily on my heart for years; and the more we discussed the subject in the Council of Twelve this year, the more I

J. H. WALKER, General Overseer



felt we should do something definite toward spreading the gospel. Besides the measures introduced to aid evangelism, we have prepared the following pledge, which when presented to the Bishops' Council, was accepted wholeheartedly and about 440 pledges were signed:

## MY PLEDGE—NO. 1

*That by the grace and help of God, I will*

1. Help make the Church of God a soul-saving station.
2. Conduct a revival in a new field, if possible.
3. Hold a prayer meeting at every opportunity.
4. Help some soul pray through at home.
5. Talk evangelism.
6. Pray evangelism.
7. Preach evangelism, at least every Sunday night.
8. Practice evangelism.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_

The last days are here! The times are perilous! Millions are dying without God, without hope, without peace, without Christ, without the blood, without the saving grace of the Lord of glory. People are perishing without the gospel. A sin-cursed, war-torn world needs the mercy of heaven. Where there is a vision, an agonizing prayer, a spirit of evangelism, a hunger for souls, and a message from Him that is come to seek and save the lost, there are thousands finding God, people weeping their way to victory at Calvary's cross, and thousands sanctified in the blood and shouting the praises of

God as they are baptized with the Holy Ghost.

The world offers a post-war eight-point (possibly a nine-point) program to insure world peace and material reconstruction. We offer the fulness of the mentioned ninth point in an eight-point program to bring *heavenly peace* and spiritual reconstruction and to sweep multiplied thousands into the kingdom of God.

Here is your opportunity to join in this pledge. Ministers, sign the one above, or No. 1. Members, please sign No. 2 given below. Cut out the pledge and mail to us so that we may list you as a member of the great evangelistic party. We are printing nice pledge cards to return to you. Please join in this great pledge to rescue lost souls.

## MY PLEDGE—NO. 2

*That by the grace and help of God, I will*

1. Help to make the Church of God a soul-saving station.
2. Help some soul pray through at home.
3. Talk evangelism.
4. Pray evangelism.
5. Support financially — EVANGELISM.
6. Practice evangelism.
7. Advertise revivals.
8. Pray for new fields.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Member  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

EVERYBODY REMEMBER THAT OUR ASSEMBLY WAS LIMITED THIS YEAR. NEXT YEAR WAR MAY CLOSE IT ALTOGETHER. OUR NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY BE IN THE SKY. LET US BE FILLED WITH MISSION ZEAL AND BE EVANGELISTIC.

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# Praise and Thanksgiving

## Obeys the Lord in Tithing

SWAINSBORO, Ga. — I thank God for His many blessings to me; I am glad He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and added me to the Church of God. I have lately undergone a serious operation, but God was so good to me that I am again up doing my housework, for which I praise Him. The devil tries to discourage me, but the Lord has given me victory to stand the test.

We should search our hearts to see if we are where God would have us be. Do we have that love to pay our tithes that lost souls might hear this gospel? My husband is unsaved, but God dealt with my heart so many times to pay tithes and we didn't obey until my baby girl only two months old was taken with diphtheria, then is when we could say yes to God. That has been three years ago and I still tithe because I find God blesses our efforts in obeying Him. We love our pastor, Brother J. E. Davis, and family. His messages have been food to my soul many times and lifted me up. Pray for my husband to be saved, also my unsaved loved ones. Pray for our work here. —Mrs. E. L. Wilkerson.

## Feel Like Traveling On

PRESTONSBURG, Ky. — I thank God for victory over sin and the world. I have been in this good way about nineteen years. It has been the happiest days of my life. I am so glad I gave my heart to Jesus when I did. I have no desire for worldly pleasures. I want to make heaven my home. I feel like traveling on.

About ten years ago my companion went to be with Jesus and I have been homesick for heaven ever since. I mean to go through at any cost. I have been here at Prestonsburg eight years and when I came here and left my church at War, W. Va., I felt like I was in the wilderness. I missed the good Church of God people. I just prayed. I couldn't hear of a Church of God around here, but praise God, the Lord has answered my prayer. I found some good Church of God people at Garrett, Ky., and we have started a meeting here in the courthouse. It just started Sunday night, July 20, with Brother Duff, our pastor at Garrett, doing the preaching. Please have a special prayer for this revival as it is a hard place and there are so many unbelievers. Pray for lost souls and for us to

get the Church of God established here at Prestonsburg. — Malinda Messer Vaughan.

## Will Power to Serve God at Home

SCOTTSBURG, Ind. — Dear Evangel Readers, I have been long waiting to write how much I enjoyed reading the Evangel. Our pastor of the Church of God at Saul, Ky., is blessed to send us the dear old Evangel every week.

We are out here shut in from going to meeting. We have inquired about a Church of God meeting but all are so far away we can't go as my husband works every day except Sunday. But I praise God for a will power to serve the Lord at home as well as at church. I have been saved nine years and belonged to the Church of God about four years and still have a true desire to press on.

I have two small children and I truly desire to rear them in the house of God, so pray for us to continue to have more faith in our Lord, that we can live a true life for our children to follow. —Mrs. Oda Couch, Rt. 3.

THOMASVILLE, N. C. — Dear Saints, greetings in Jesus' name. I just received my first Evangel, and as I was reading it the power came down and thrilled my soul. I have been in the Church of God for about three years now and have never taken this paper before, but it is worth ten times its weight in gold. I can't express my feeling, how I feel about the Church of God and its connections. Praise God for the Church of God. —L. H. Deal, 8 Julian Ave.

STATESBORO, Ga. — I thank and praise God for what He has done for me. He healed my body of a breaking out, for which three doctors could do me no good, but praise God, He came on the scene and healed me of it and other ailments. I also thank Him for filling my husband with the Holy Ghost. We had a wonderful revival which closed Sunday night. —Mrs. J. L. Thompson.

ELECTRA, Tex. — The Lord has done so much for me I mean to draw closer to Him and do more for Him. I praise God for healing my throat a short time back. I need your prayer to be an overcomer every day. Pray for my unsaved loved ones. —Mrs. R. F. Pannell, Gen. Del.

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — This is to testify according to a covenant made with the Lord on Friday night, August 8. My nephew, Eugene Bunton, age two, was in South Mississippi Infirmary with food poison. He had a high fever and convulsions. I promised the Lord if He would heal the child I would testify through the Evangel. The Lord blessed my soul as I made the promise. The child was released next morning and carried home. On the next morning he was playing and walking around in the house clear of fever. God gets the glory. There are still sores on his body. Please pray that he will be completely healed and his parents reunited.

I testify to God healing me of the toothache last Thursday. The pain left and I don't even know what time it left. I appreciate the prayers and anointed cloths sent in answer to a request for prayer last winter. The cloths are still being used and God still heals. The afflicted ones still lack faith. —Mrs. Dorothy Bunton, Rt. 2.

HENAGAR, Ala. — I praise God for His wonderful healing power. I was healed last spring of nervous indigestion. I had tried doctors and got worse. I wrote in a request for prayer for my healing and, thank the Lord I am well and very often walk four miles to be in services with God's children. I think that is doing fine for a sister at the age of fifty-eight years. Praise the Lord! Pray for my children who are out in sin. —Clara R. Roberts, Rt. 2.

LEAF, Miss. — I thank the Lord for what He has done for me. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. Thank the Lord. When our little meeting started I had a small but confining job. I wanted to go to church but couldn't. One evening, seeing my parents going to church, I was studying how I would like to go but I didn't guess I could leave my job. At that time something spoke to me and said, "Had you rather have money than God?" I got off the next night and went to church. The first night I was saved and the third night I was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord. I want all praying people to pray that I will ever be true to God. —Miss Ella Mae Brown.

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# The Dragnet

H. M. DUCK

"Again the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net that was cast into the sea and gathered of every kind." Matt. 13:47.

Just after Jesus returned from the wilderness where He was led of the Spirit to be tempted of the devil, He took a journey down by the coast of the Sea of Galilee and there He saw two brethren casting a net into the sea for they were fishers. He said unto them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Matt. 4:18, 19. The Lord wanted these boys to help spread the gospel net, the Word of God. He knew if it were handled just right, just as their fisher's net would be cast into the sea and bring up fish of every kind, so would the gospel be heralded out in the world, and catch men and bring them up out of the depths of sin. Since that day God has called many fishermen to help spread the great net and the net has been spread in most all the world. Yes, it has brought up out of the depth of sin most every kind. No, we don't separate all just as we should but at the final separation day it will be complete. Let us look in the net when it comes up. There we will see fish of every kind floundering and jumping. It is a pretty sight and a happy moment in a fisherman's life; they all look good.

When the preacher delivers his soul, makes the altar call, and men and women, boys and girls who are in the depths of sin kneel there, pray through, come up shouting the victory and leaping for joy, surely it is the happiest moment of the preacher's life. But let us look into the net again. There were fish of every kind. Some we will have to handle very carefully if we save them. The old eel is a very slick fellow. He will slide around and you can hardly get your hands on him, and the first little hole that he can find he will slide through it. Yes, we catch some men like that. We can't get them to come back to service or start family prayer. Somehow you just can't get hold of them and they don't stand long. They have slipped back in sin.

We take another look and we find in the net the turtle. He will be about the last fellow you take out. They are not very popular among fishermen. They are hard to clean and get ready for market. They have a hard shell that completely covers them that must be taken off before you can get to them. We find some turtle Christians sometimes, who have their own conceited shell, they seem not to mind the Word of God. They have their own ideas and opinions and they are always slowful just like the old turtle.

Then we find in the net the croaker, just a small fish but a good edible fish. They gather them and lay them out and they give up right there. Yes, they croak; they don't move any more. I think we find more of this kind of Christians than any other kind. They come to the altar and pray through, give in their testimony with a bright experience and then croak, and you can't get them back to seek a deeper experience. If you do, you can't get them to line up with the Church or pay tithes. They have just croaked, that is all. They are not worth anything to the church or God either. God help us to be something besides an old croaker.

"Fish of every kind." We look back again into the net and we find the catfish. This fellow is all head and mouth. Get his head cut off and you haven't got much fish left. Yes, I think we have some catfish people. We think sometimes we have made a big haul, to hear them talk and tell of what they are going to do, and how he testifies! My! My! Here is one that will be worth something, but he turns out to be all head and mouth. God help us to be doers of the Word and not hearers only.

What kind of a fish are you? Job was caught in the net, Job 19:6, and he proved to man and the world that he was worth something to God. Let us, too, prove that we can be worth something to the Church and the cause that we love so dear.

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## Thank God For Healing

NAUGATUCK, W. Va. — I thank and praise God for healing my foot, also for healing my little girl's body. Pray for our revival going on here.—Gypsy Chapman.

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# The Doctrine of God

GARNER J. WILKINS

(Note, this article was inspired and based on a sermon by Rev. A. V. Beaubé, state overseer of Georgia, delivered at the Georgia state camp meeting and convention this year.)

*"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."* Matt. 5:8.

There are many theories by ancient and modern philosophers who try to establish as fact the existence of God; others essay to refute the idea of God, or any necessity for a supreme being. Regardless of theory, pro or con, it is entirely contingent on our heart's attitude if we "see" God, and hopelessly impossible to grasp a comprehensive vision of His existence and manifestations without FAITH and a PURE HEART. If we should consult only the realm of reason, based on analysis, and penetrate every argument to an ultimate conclusion, our decision must finally rest on this determination: that the thing DESIGNED is the absolute effect of a DESIGNER to the exclusion of chance or accident. Which is pure, indisputable logic. Consequently, the things that appear (the universe) are the direct result of a master hand, perfect planning by One possessed with infinite wisdom, power, and a sovereign will.

We note evidence of a supreme designer in the unmistakable fact that most things are so constructed as to follow one another in succession, which all conduce to the same objective; while similarly many simultaneous events with surrounding conditions are so arranged as to bring about a certain result. It is then that we have reached God. But we cannot and do not try to "localize" God. That is, to bring Him to any specific form or appearance. The Holy Scripture plainly declares, "God is a spirit," and because it so states, He must not be regarded as a physical predicable. It has been said, "Faith and prayer move the hand that moves all things." How true, and all the more reason to elevate our vision of God higher than the physical sphere. However, God is also the dominant factor in the physical, yet He must be regarded as supernatural or transcendent to anatomy of flesh and bone. And God should not be confined, in our vision, to any geographical spot, or reduced to a specific habitation. He so states, "The heavens are my throne, and the earth is my footstool." The heathen, with his reasoning faculties distort of understanding, will conjure an imaginary being to whom he worships and attributes the responsibility of his existence and his small world.

However deplorable his conduct and the shameful acts of the poor heathen in his efforts to "appease" the wrath of his particular god, yet it is to be recognized that his actions, though degrading and void of understanding, are nevertheless added weight to give credence to the argument which has been adduced for the existence of God, derived from the fact that such a belief is everywhere found to be implanted in the heart of man. Leaving this realm of supposition, cause and effect, it is so refreshing to the Christian to turn to his divine "love letter" and read: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only TRUE GOD, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." Jno. 17:3.

Marquis de Laplace, celebrated French mathematician and astronomer, was said to have searched the skies with his powerful telescope to find God and His throne, and failing in his quest avowed himself an unbeliever. This man, one time close friend of Napoleon, and in 1816 named a member of the French Academy, earned the title of scientist and astronomer, eminent, yet could not "discover" God with all his mathematical equations and astronomical gyrations, while the least of the poor and unlearned may find Him, for, "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they SHALL see God." Paul said, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe," 1 Cor. 1:21. God is not a man like us. When David received his broadest vision of God he shouted, yea, he verily screamed from the deep of his soul: "O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! Who hast set thy glory ABOVE the heavens . . . when I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ORDAINED; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" Psalms 8:1-4. God fills all space and time. He is from everlasting to everlasting, eternal, forever, the Ancient of days, and the originator of life and the pattern of the heavens and the earth. The word of the Scriptures declares in unmistakable terms, "No man hath seen God at any time," but, " . . . the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." Jno. 1:18.

God is best seen and recognized in His divine attributes, and Jesus Christ has given the world the greatest demonstration of these that can be found;

namely, love, light, truth, mercy, kindness, patience, and POWER.

Many a man has had to get into the belly of the big fish to "find" God. The Word says, "Though he be high and holy, yet hath he respect to the humble." We have been able, by the power of faith, to put the powers of heaven to the sovereign test in the mortal sphere,—we know that GOD IS. We know that "we have passed from death unto life," and, "now are we the sons of God; but it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." And He is the person of superlative glory, and will introduce us to the Father, and that is sufficient. Amen.

## Report From Grand Turk Is., B.W.I.

I praise God who carried us through our annual convention, which was the first one ever held in Grand Turk. It brought joy to the community. The Lord worked a wonder for His Church by changing the hearts of many persecutors. Surely the people were subject to the great God of heaven by rendering their help to make our convention a success. Every heart was touched in our memorial service when the congregation sang, "In the Sweet By and By" and waved their handkerchiefs in behalf of our deceased Brother Hubert Lattice, who was a faithful member of the Church of God.

We also had our Sunday school convention and although we did not have many reports, everything was amazing and God got the glory. We also had our Young People's Endeavor convention, which ended with a street parade. We had lovely singing and the power of God was demonstrated in every service. The minutes were taken by Vivian Arthur and Frances Jennings. Those who rendered their assistance were Henry Clare and the officers of the Good Samaritan Society; we also had flags from the commissioner's office, for which we thank God. May God bless them. Pray for Christopher Robinson, who helped willingly to the end and is still helping in this work in Grand Turk. We had a few candidates from Blue Hills Key and Whitby. We had a wonderful time. I can't write all that happened on account of space, but this I can publish, the Church of God has gone over the top in the Turks and Caicos Islands with Grand Turk church the headquarters church of the Caicos Island.—A. W. Rigby, overseer of Turks Island, B. W. I.

Spirituality is old time religion filling the heart and mind so full of good things that a stream of loving service is constantly flowing from the life toward both God and man.



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## Requests

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We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these requests it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take these to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf.

—R—

### PRAY FOR—

Me to be healed of ear trouble, there seems to be a sore growth in the side of my ear.—Miss Marion Sokolenko, Rt. 1, Box 117, Kief, N. Dak.

—R—

The healing of Brother W. E. Brock who is very sick.—Eva Brock, Pikeville, Tenn.

—R—

The healing of my baby who has been sick in the hospital seven weeks.—Mrs. Luther Davis, Townsend, Ga.

—R—

God to undertake for some of my husband's people who are in trouble.—Mrs. Dallas King, Newberry, S. C.

—R—

God to undertake for my husband and me. My husband who has preached for several years has completely backslid and gone to the depths of sin.—Sister Vernie Mercer, Box 617, Broderick, Calif.

—R—

God to heal my wife. If God doesn't undertake she will have to undergo a very serious operation.—William Maness, Red Dragon, W. Va.

—R—

My daughter to be saved and healed.—Mrs. Olga Bagwell, 570 Morgan St., Atlanta, Ga.

—R—

My son who is in the Army to be saved and kept.—Mrs. Bell Basco, Jena, La.

—R—

The healing of my wife, she has boils on her body and can hardly walk.—Bertie B. Eller, Titus, Ga.

—R—

The healing of my mother who was seriously ill and is still weak; our home.—Mrs. R. B. Montgomery, Rt. 4, Box 606, Monroe, N. C.

—R—

The healing of my mother, she has a growth behind her eyeball and she suffers so much. The growth may be a cancer. Her address is Mrs. W. B. Waddell, c/o G. P. Goodwin, Marion, Ark.—Mrs. C. H. Furniss, Monticello, Ark.

—R—

My family and me; my son who is in the Marines that he will be saved.—Mrs. Annie Gilbert, Rt. 1, Ragland, Ala.

—R—

My husband's niece, Mrs. Maggie Beddie, who is in a serious condition, doctors say there is no chance for her.—Mrs. Wilma Jamison, Sylva, N. C.

God to undertake for me.—An unknown soldier, Davis, W. Va.

—R—

My little girl who is very sick with stomach trouble, to be healed.—Mrs. Ethel Swenson, Rt. 1, Birchwood, Tenn.

—R—

My husband and me.—Josie Leopard, 48 Stockman Ave., Greenwood, S. C.

—R—

God to undertake for me and make me stronger in spirit.—Elizabeth Lovin, S. Gastonia, N. C.

—R—

My son to be healed of epileptic attacks.—Mrs. B. W. Dansley, 1134 E. Orange St., Lakeland, Fla.

—R—

The healing of my body, I have cold and cough all the time.—W. M. Greenwood, Greenwood, S. C.

—R—

The healing of my body of T. B.—Clydy Davenport, 209 Baldwin St., Greenwood, S. C.

—R—

The healing of my husband of T. B., he is in the hospital.—Mrs. Cora Hirtzel, Box 161, Kenansville, Fla.

—R—

The Lord to heal me of gall bladder trouble.—Mrs. V. Henry, Rt. 2, Lyons, Ga.

—R—

God to completely heal me.—Nellie Jernigan, Rt. 1, Selmer, Tenn.

—R—

God to undertake in behalf of my boy and that He will deliver him; me.—Mrs. L. G. Stevens, Box 44, Kenansville, Fla.

—R—

My sister, Miss Ruby Miolen, Dalton, Ga., who is very sick with T. B. and unsaved, to be healed and saved.—Homer Y. Miolen, Dahlonga, Ga.

—R—

The healing of my wife, she has been afflicted about three months.—O. H. Tollison, Lockhart, S. C.

—R—

God to undertake for my home.—Mrs. B. C. Kelley, Williamston, S. C.

—R—

Me to be healed of liver, nerve, stomach and other troubles and to be saved.—Mrs. Ora Lee Bennett, Homerville, Ga.

—R—

Me to be healed of stomach trouble, I suffer badly; the Lord to heal my wife of several ailments.—Dick Lewis, Brockdell, Tenn.

—R—

The healing of my mother, Mrs. Lizzie Doss, 929 E. Sediga St., Jacksonville, Ala., who is afflicted in her body, she has trouble with her back; my husband.—Alviria McGatha, Rt. 3, Cedartown, Ga.

—R—

The healing of my body; the healing of my brother who is in the hospital.—Mrs. Blanche Marshall, R. R., Moline, Mo.

—R—

Me to be completely healed of a stomach trouble, the doctor said I had pellagra of the stomach and gallstones.—Sister May Holt, Star Rt., South, Forrest City, Ark.

My father-in-law to be healed, he has been in bed seven months. The doctor says it is pellagra of the stomach, cancer of the bone and sciatic rheumatism. Pray for the Lord to help him to be ready. His address is D. N. Canup, Rt. 2, c/o T. D. Costine, Lakeland, Fla. My little girl to be healed of hookworms; my mother, Mrs. A. J. Dorman, Box 342, Zephyrhills, Fla., to be healed and that God will take care of her.—Mrs. P. C. Canup, Rt. 3, Box 423, Lakeland, Fla.

—R—

My mother, Mrs. Bessie Fox, to be healed of stomach trouble and another trouble; my husband.—Mrs. Ethel Jones, Box 29, Sylva, N. C.

—R—

The healing of my head of some kind of scalp disease.—Cleodeth Horton, Box 623, Vernon, Tex.

—R—

My nephew to be healed of T. B. and saved, he is very ill; the healing of my sister who is in bad health.—Martha Jenkins, 2460 Zimmerman, Flint, Mich.

—R—

The healing of my sister who is smitten with a blood cancer on each lung, also a cancer on her right foot. She suffers intensely. Her address is Mrs. O. E. Talbott, Duo, W. Va. Please help me bear this burden.—Levi Worley, Rainelle, W. Va.

—R—

My unsaved boy who is in the Army to be saved, and if you have the opportunity please talk to him and encourage him. His address is Pvt. Herbert Van Meter, 2nd Separate Chemical Battalion, Co. A., Edgewood Arsenal, Md.—Mrs. J. H. Van Meter, Box 188, Luke, Md.

—R—

My oldest child to be healed; my children, husband and me. I am afflicted in body. God to undertake in my home.—Mrs. G. A. Broxton, Rt. 2, Keysville, Ga.

—R—

God to heal me and my family.—Mrs. Martin Lee, Rt. 3, Concord, Tenn.

—R—

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Thelma Owens, Rt. 2, Greenwood, S. C.

—R—

The healing of my body and saving of my soul. I can hardly eat, it hurts so badly.—C. W. Ivey, Immokalee, Fla.

—R—

My husband who is in a serious condition with kidney stones to be healed.—Mrs. Auther Smith, Vidor, Tex.

—R—

The Lord to heal me of heart trouble and grant me my desire.—Mrs. F. Martin, Marengo, Ind.

—R—

The Lord to heal my son of something like malaria fever.—Grace Carr, Ridgely, Tenn.

—R—

The healing of Sister Minnie Ward who is seriously ill in the hospital at Franklin, N. C. She is not expected to live unless

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# PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING—Continued

## A Testimony For the Lord

**BITELY, Mich.**—I want every one to know what God has done for me and hope it will prove a blessing to someone else. I wasn't well after my marriage nearly six years ago. I was anointed and prayed for and God healed me instantly and completely. Shortly afterward the affliction returned. I had prayer but it seemed God didn't answer. I wanted a little one to bless our home but the doctor said it was impossible because of my affliction. I didn't let that stop my praying because I believe all things are possible with God. Our baby girl was born April 27, 1941. Praise His name. This has been a testimony in my community and I mean to bring her up in the fear of the Lord. I am not able to do as much in His service as in the past but I mean to live for Him and look for His soon return. Sometimes God gives us a test before He answers prayer but the answer is sure if we stand the test. Pray for us that we will stay true to Jesus.—Mrs. Homer Lamb, N. Woodville church.

## My Interest in Heaven

I am interested in heaven because I have held a clear title to a bit of property there for over thirty-five years. I didn't buy it; it was given to me without money and without price, but the giver, Jesus Christ, purchased it for me at a tremendous sacrifice. I am not holding it for speculation as the title is not transferable. It is not a vacant lot, for more than a quarter of a century I have been sending materials out of which the greatest Architect and Builder of the universe has been building a home for me, which will never need to be remodeled or repaired because it will suit me perfectly, individually, and will never grow old. Termites can never undermine its foundation, for it rests upon the Rock of Ages. Floods and fire cannot destroy it. There are no locks or bolts on the doors, for no vicious person can enter that land where my dwelling stands, now almost completed and ready for me to enter in and abide in peace eternally, without fear of being rejected.

There is a valley of deep shadows between where I live and that to which I shall journey in a short time. I cannot reach my home in that city of gold without passing through this dark valley of shadows, but I am not afraid because the best friend I ever had, my Savior, went through the valley long, long ago and drew away the flood. He has stuck by me through thick and thin since we first became acquainted thirty-five years ago and I have the promise in printed form that He will never forsake or leave

me alone, but will be with me as I walk through the valley of shadows and I shall not lose my way when He is with me.

My ticket to heaven has no date on it marked for the journey—no return coupon and no permit for baggage. Yes, I am ready to go and I shall meet you some day through the riches of His grace in Jesus Christ.

Pray that I may continue to send up material to beautify my mansion there. May God bless you. — Written by Elder Dell, copyrighted by Mrs. Addie McDonald, 907 Albany Ave., Waycross, Ga.

## Injured in Army; Healed

**DONALSONVILLE, Ga.** — I am thanking God today that I can witness to God's saving, sanctifying, keeping and healing power. I am glad because I found myself one day when I was afflicted with cancer and almost dying on my way to hell. I knew I couldn't live long and knew I was a sinner, although I was a church member. I began to think seriously about my soul and wanted something real. There was a Church of God preacher (Brother M. B. Norris) in our community who began talking to me and he and others prayed. I repented of my sins and God took me in, saved and healed me four years ago and I am healed today, not a trace of cancer.

On February 25 of this year we received a telegram from Ft. Benning Hospital telling us that our boy was seriously hurt. I fell on my knees and asked God to undertake. I said, "Lord, he is out of our reach but I know you can reach him right now." We hurried to the hospital which was about one hundred miles from us. They told us his condition was very serious. A bomb had exploded at his feet and broke one leg and the foot on the other leg, tore and mangled both legs, and shocked him so badly that he had hemorrhages. He had to have a blood transfusion. The doctor told us we could see him but couldn't speak to him. We went in and there was our precious boy; he didn't even know he was in the world. We couldn't talk but I called upon God silently then and there. I said, "Undertake for us. I know you can heal," and I believed then that he would be healed. The doctors asked us where they could reach us that night; they thought he would die and wanted to know where to call us. We went again the next day and he knew us. He said, "Hello, mother," "Hello, daddy." He said, "Mother, I know you have been praying, haven't you?" I told him I had. He said, "Pray for this poor soul of mine." I

thanked God then and there that I was worthy to call on Him and that I had lived right before my son. We began to pray there in the hospital, our boy, his father and I. Although he was very weak he began repenting and confessing how he had trampled a father's and mother's prayers under his feet. He told God if he had been obedient to father and mother He would not have suffered such thing to happen to him. He told the Lord if He would heal him he would live for Him and work for Him. God blessed and saved him there in the hospital. He is well today, just slightly limps, and has received the Holy Ghost since he came from the hospital. They kept him in the hospital three and one-half months and put more flesh on his legs. He talked to others about God and proved a Christian there in the hospital. He says Psalm 116 is his testimony. Fathers and mothers should live right before their boys and girls, that they may be worthy to call upon Him in time of trouble.—Mrs. Lena Herring.

## He Is Our Keeper

**WEST POINT, Tenn.**—How glad I am to know and feel I am under God's great care! Isn't it wonderful to know He is our keeper. I can never praise Him enough for what He has done for me and my family. Praise God! He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost over three years ago and I have trusted Him for my healing, also my family's. Praise the Lord, He has healed many times, but one day He saw fit to call our little baby girl home. She was only seven months and five days of age but husband and I trusted the Lord and we were just young in the Lord. I had just had the blessing about three weeks when she died and husband just something over a month.

Now my home is sad and lonely again. The 29th of May God saw fit to call my husband home to be with Jesus. I want to stand true. I am on the bed of affliction now, not able to do my housework. I want each child of God to pray for the healing of my body and the healing of my daughter and oldest boy. Anointed cloths will be appreciated. Pray for me to always be humble and to know God's will. Please pray for the Lord to heal me so I can be back in service. I have eight children. Please pray for the Lord to save and fill them with the Holy Ghost. Also pray for our church to go over the top at Cedar Springs. We have a good pastor, Brother Howard McGee; we love him and his family. Please pray for all of us.—Mrs. Lena Gray, Rt. 2.

## The United State of the Church of God

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ent, Brother W. P. Stallings, the Y. P. E's and Sunday schools raised in the eleven district conventions this year \$826.04 for missions.

The main thing that each Y. P. E. that is successful should keep in mind, however, is, What steps must we take to not only hold what we have in membership, finance and spirituality, but what must we do and keep doing to realize regular increase?

This always keep in mind, that your present officers, pastor, district pastor and regular district superintendent, state superintendent and state overseer as well as all of the thoughtful members who are above thirty-five are united with you for your success, individually and collectively.

Dictators are calling for youth like you to give and take life on the battlefields. God and His Church are proud of you and seeking more to stand with us in this evil day to promote, support and defend the greatest institution with the greatest future that you could possibly be affiliated with.

Yes, we love you—every one of you—juniors and seniors alike. Stand with your hearts and minds united so that no man can despise your youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Yours is a splendid department but it too is inseparable from the main body of the Church. It is *united* never to be divided from the Church.

It is a fact that each one of the near three thousand local churches has its individual and respective programs and obligations. It is the same with the districts in the state as well as the states. Yet the elevating thing about it is that there are no lines of restriction drawn between local churches, districts or states in a general sense.

In other words, every Church of God in the world has the same program with the following items to dispense with:

5% mission; 10 cents per member aged ministers' quota; special mission offering, not to be less than 50 cents per member; tithe of tithes; 20 per cent on gross receipts in local church to be divided between state overseer and Headquarters; Evangel and Lighted Pathway drives; winning souls to God and His Church.

Our reports are not only united at the state convention, but all the churches of all the states, islands, and foreign countries are united at the Assembly.

Yes, there is a *United State* between

the members and pastors, pastors and district pastors, members, pastors, district pastors and overseers, between state overseer and state overseer. Each of us, it is true, desires good records and work to that end but can't afford to be jealous, envious or prejudiced. The more we accomplish, the better. If after I have done my *best* I am surpassed, then for the Church's sake in general I should rejoice.

Then, of very special necessity as well as happy privilege and opportunity, there should always be the staunchest, most definite of understanding and irrevocable United State existing between the state overseer and Appointing Board and other general officials.

It is remarkable and highly complimentary of those included to think of our head officials of every general department of the Church being housed under one roof and yet the business of the Church proceeding in each department with such few exceptions that there is an almost constant United State of activity.

Needless to say that since the success in the local churches, districts and states is dependent on full and wholehearted cooperation on the part of all the pastors and state overseers, such a state of relationship is even more indispensable between our various departments and their heads at Cleveland, Tennessee. To know that a pleasant atmosphere exists at Headquarters and that there is between every official and department a United State existing, serves as a motivation to all of our hearts and a lever on the battlefield in the front trenches.

How do we stand? you ask. Why, my brother, just like a wagon wheel. The wheel is on the axle, the axle in the wheel, the hub around the axle, the spokes in the hub and felloe, the felloe nailed to the iron tire and the tire on the felloe.

Here is the synopsis of the subject:

First, members in Christ. Second, members in local church. Third, local church under cooperative supervision of pastor. Pastor under jurisdiction of district pastor. Members, pastors and district pastors directed by state overseer. State overseer subject to Appointing Board. Our college, publishing house, general treasury department, orphanage, Twelve Counsellors, General Trustees and Assistant General Overseer and all other ministers, officers, and offices are responsible to the General Overseer and those who under various conditions collaborate with him. But after all, we at first and last are all responsible to God.

Ours is a *United State* indeed. We are all dependent one on another, which is pictured very vividly by the Apostle Paul in these words:

Ephesians 4:11-16, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

Let all of us at all times stay in our respective places so that we will be able to secure the Church against its enemies.

### What a Meeting We Had

OCEANA, W. Va.—I have been a member of the Methodist church for many years but a few years ago I began to slip and finally grew cold and indifferent. About one year ago I became very close friends with a lady minister of your church and was gloriously renewed and sanctified. Since that time I have grown very close to Jesus and have been healed twice. I praise God for His wonderful healing power!

Last October I was very sick. I had a bad case of lumbago in my back and was not able to even turn in the bed. I was in great pain. After my husband had prepared breakfast for our two small children and himself, and had gone to work, Mrs. W. M. Thompson, my Church of God friend, happened to come. She earnestly prayed that I might be healed. Sister Bertha Jackson, who believes in divine healing, also prayed. At first I could not have the faith but finally the sweet holy power flowed over me and I came out of the bed shouting and praising God. What a meeting we three had! Before they left we all sang, "Where the Soul of Man Never Dies" and my little five-year-old son said after they were gone, "Mamma, you sang better than they do on the radio." How I wish every poor afflicted person could only have the faith and trust his afflictions to the great Healer of body and soul.

I am sure God is striving with my unsaved husband, so please pray a special prayer for him to be able to overcome the drink habit and find Christ.—Mrs. Jay Bailey.



## Greater Haste Needed

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"Missionary, I don't want to be rude, but why has my white brother been so long in coming with the great Book and its wonderful story?" WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN YOUR ANSWER?—Sent in by W. W. Hatton, Nocatee, Fla.

## REQUESTS

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God undertakes.—H. W. Cooper, Whit-tier, N. C.

Me to be completely healed. I am in a serious condition.—Susie N. Litton, Car-bon, W. Va.

My sons.—Mrs. Cynthia Cabiness, Lockhart, S. C.

My husband to be healed of rheuma-tion and other ailments; the Lord to heal my eyes; God to open a way so we can be in service; my son in the Army.—Mrs. Fred B. Kirby, Box 52, Wickham, W. Va.

My brother who is very low with T.B. to be healed. He lost his wife a year ago and is sad and despondent. There are no Church of God people in that part of the state. Will you please visit him and tell him about salvation? His address is John Bull, 721 S. Mission St., Wenatchee, Wash.—Mrs. Bessie Bellah, Rt. 1, Web-bers Falls, Okla.

The healing of my son of nervousness and stomach trouble; my mother and sis-ter.—Sister Dufrene, Covington, La.

God to undertake for my husband and father, the Lord to heal my feet, they swell so sometimes until I can't wear my shoes; the healing of my mother.—Mrs. Katy Carr, Buffalo Valley, Tenn.

The healing of my body of rheuma-tism and other troubles which the Lord knows about.—Ruby Harrison, Rt. 1, Ranger, Ga.

The Lord to undertake for me.—Martha Ritchie, Onco, Ky.

God to undertake for us in our work here at Washington, N. C. (colored)—Bertha Cobb, 625 W. 5th St., Washing-ton, N. C.

The healing of my body, I am very weak.—Mrs. D. L. McMullen, Box 199, Dowling Park, Fla.

My two sons and their wives.—Mrs. Lizzie Hardy, Rt. 1, Box 134, Forsyth, Ga.

My wife that the Lord will undertake for her.—Charlie Huser, Natalbany, La.

My home that God will undertake.—L. H. Soddy, Tenn.

The healing of my mother of a cancer, she is seventy-six years old.—Rev. George

Thomas, Riceville, Tenn.

I am crippled in my right knee and leg, please pray that they will be healed; my husband and sons; the Lord to send some preacher this way.—Ollie Gazaway, Rt. 2, Box 42-A, Drew, Miss.

## Question Box

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Now for the scripture in Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." It certainly would be doing violence to the Word of God and also a question of the loyalty of the Apostle Peter to believe or teach that he taught something else on the day of Pentecost other than which he had been commissioned to teach by our Lord in Matt. 28:19. It is true that the wording in Acts 2:38 is different but it must be remembered that the Apostle Peter in his loyalty to Christ was doing everything in his power to carry out the commission given unto him; that is, to obey to the letter His last command. In doing this he would be preaching in Jesus' name; he would be baptizing in Jesus' name, or in obedience to His command. The passage in Acts 2:38 would mean the same thing if read, "And Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Thus we understand the two scriptures cited to be in perfect harmony.

Question: Will you please explain for us in the Question Box Psalm 58:2-5?—D. C.

Answer: Great contrasts between the wicked and the righteous are common to the writings of the Psalmist David. In his detest for wickedness he describes the wicked in the strongest of terms as in verse 4, "Their poison is like the poi-son of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth his ear." This entire division of his writings is thus descriptive of the wicked, with the exception of the last two verses where he turns to view the righteous. "The righteous shall re-joice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked, so that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous, verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth." In this division of the Psalms we are shown clearly God's judgment upon the wicked and His reward to those who are righteous.

The spirit of a person gives a true registration of the humility of the soul or of its lack of it.

## My Sermonette

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people peace or discord? His name shall be called the Prince of peace. "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." Jesus said to the angry winds and tempestuous waves, "Peace, be still," and the very elements obeyed Him because He was "peace." Are you?

Loaf number 4 is "longsuffering." Oh, we are so rash, so impatient. We want to see the fruit of our labors in our lifetime. He could not. He, the Son of God, had to lay down His life's work ap-parently a total failure, deserted by all, even His Father. "He that suffereth long and is kind." Put your own name in in-stead of "He" and see if that by any chance describes the one who bears your name.

"Gentleness" is the fifth loaf. In Americans' mad rush to get somewhere, it seems as if this loaf is a rare variety, seldom advertised, sold, or eaten. We haven't time to be gentle. Gentleness was all right in Jesus' day when every-thing moved so slowly, but now? Well, it's almost an impossibility. From the slamming of car doors to the screech-ing of brakes, gentleness is far, far away.

"Goodness" is loaf number 6. This is a rather general term, but our goodness, remember, is known and read by all men. People know us much better than we care to realize. "Even a child is known by his doing, whether his ways be pure or whether they be right." Thus saith the Lord. "Then shall we be known even as we are known." But remember you are almost known now. If not, you will be before you die; if not, it will come to light sometime.

"Faith" is loaf 7, but so small it is rarely ever recognized. In fact, the Son of man couldn't see it in His disciples, no doubt so much as a grain of mustard seed. And yet without faith it is impos-sible to please God. O soul, wake up! As your faith, so be it unto you. You may have some loved one in need of your precious speck of faith. Do you have it?

The eighth loaf is "meekness." Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." A large promise, is it not? But you couldn't take it; you had to give a mean reply. You lost your brother be-cause you were hasty and took your own part. For shame! Some great man said, "Self-justification never." Try it, it pays.

"Temperance," the last loaf, is one of the greatest happiness bringers in all the world. To be temperate and not indul-gent along a single line—not to have to do a single thing after the flesh even to the elimination of ordinary conversation (at will)—this is temperance, or self-control. All the pleasures of this world

cannot be compared to being completely the master of one's self on all occasions.

The seventeen stones are: "adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulation, wrath, strife, sedition, heresy, envyings, murders, drunkenness, and revelings," a very unlovely group, yet existing in embryo at least within all of our hearts until He takes control. Let us bestir ourselves, throw all our stones overboard, and quickly set our bread to rise, that it may rise and that we may give food to all with whom we come in contact. The Son of God had loaves for all whom He met. Even when spent and hungry, as at Samaria's well when He fed a single hungry soul, He forgot all else save a sinner's great need. "Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more!"

## Obituaries

### LIGHT

Brother A. L. Light, a faithful member of the Church of God at Weatherford, Tex., departed this life Aug. 12, 1941. —W. H. Woodall, Weatherford, Tex.

### THOMAS

Our dear mother, Mrs. Mary L. Thomas, went to be with Jesus June 3, 1941. She is the mother of Rev. O. W. Thomas, bishop in the Church of God.—Her daughter, Mrs. Mergie Kirby, Wickham, W. Va.

### ANOTHER AGED WARRIOR HAS FALLEN

Rev. S. S. Monroe answered his last call July 24, 1941. He was seventy-six years and three days of age. He was a devoted member and evangelist in the Church of God for twenty-one years. He was a member at Pilgrim Rest Church of God near Shaw Miss., where he was loved by both saint and sinner. We sadly miss his presence at church but feel that our loss is heaven's gain.—One who loved him dearly, Rev. W. F. Sharpe, Shaw, Miss.

### GEREN

Little Phyllis Irene, daughter of our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Geren, went to be with Jesus Aug. 3, 1941; age four and one-half months. May God comfort the bereaved hearts.—Edwinna Bettis, Birchwood, Tenn.

### CORNS

William Corns, bishop in the Church of God for many years, was born Jan. 15,

1876, and went to be with Jesus July 9, 1941. He was not ill, just felt a little dizzy once in a while for about a week. He was in a down-town department store and just dropped to the floor and was in glory right then. Praise the Lord for the comfort of knowing without a shadow of a doubt that father has gone to be with Him who hath redeemed us with His blood. The Lord has been very near to us and has wonderfully taken away our grief and given us the spirit of rejoicing.—His daughter, Letha Corns Wills, 4443 Kansas St., San Diego, Calif.

### HICKSON

Charles B. Hickson, a charter member of the Church of God at Easton, Md., departed this life July 27, 1941; age sixty-three years. He was faithful in all things.—His pastor, R. F. Koshewitz.

### KENNEDY

My dear mother, Mrs. Jennie Kennedy, departed this life May 24, 1941. She said she was ready to go.—Miss Elora Kennedy, Gen. Del., Shelby, N. C.

### ELLER

Sister Minnie Eller, faithful member and Sunday school teacher of the Church of God at Corona, Calif., departed this life July 26, 1941; age sixty-two years.—Her pastor, Sister Jeffreys, Corona, Calif.

### Looking For a Day of Sweet Peace

ALABAMA CITY, Ala.—Dear Saints, I am glad we are still pressing on here at Tabor church, still looking for the blessed appearing of our Savior who is to come in like manner as the apostles saw Him go.

I thank God that in this world of war and trouble we as God's children look for a day of sweet peace. While this poor, sin-wrecked world is about to accept the antichrist, we are to be accepted by our God who is able to catch us out of this place of trials and troubles. We know it surely can't be long until God will send Jesus to take us to the home He has prepared for His own. Some folks wonder why we think Jesus is coming and what He is coming for. We look for Him because He said in St. John 14:2, 3, "I go to prepare a place for you (that means all of God's children, regardless of color). And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Let us notice where Jesus is and then we will know where He is going to take

us. Acts 1:11, "Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." In Acts 7:56 we find Stephen's testimony just before he was stoned to death. "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man (Jesus) standing on the right hand of God." So we see that He is in heaven, and that without a doubt we shall be taken there also. Let us all stay ready, for any moment the trumpet may sound and a cry be made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him. Pray for us that we will be ready to meet Him and all the saints.—Mrs. Bessie Woods, Rt. 1.

### He Loves All Who Trust Him

FINLEY, Tenn.—Dear Readers, just a few words of cheer to everyone who reads this who is downhearted. Thank the Lord for His blessings to the children of men. Bless His good name. Many times the way seems so dark that we have to walk by faith alone. Jesus is with us but we do not feel His sweet presence because He wants us to walk by faith. Bless His good holy name. How glad we are just to know He loves us who put our trust in Him, and, oh, we should draw closer to His precious bleeding side and be a blessing to His cause. How we need faith that was once delivered to the saints, that when it comes our time to be tried in the fiery furnace we can go through just believing God will bring us out of sorrow and suffering into joy, peace and gladness, if we do not give up to the enemy of our souls. "He that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

Please pray for God to send His blessed laborers to this harvest field. We want a Church of God preacher who has the real message for today to come here and preach. We can furnish a brush arbor and we are making quilts to sell to get us a Church of God building here. Please pray for us and come hold a meeting, four miles below Finley near Tiglers Store. We want some good Church of God man to help us get a church here. God bless everyone. — Vivian Enocks, Midway Route.

### Reports Victory

BELGRADE, Mo.—We are glad to report victory through God for His healing power. My husband's eyes are well and his lips healed. I praise Him! Pray that we will be filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. J. E. Wright.